

The Axiom of Reducibility was introduced by Bertrand Russell in his analysis of set theory.^[1] In the early 20th century as part of his ramified theory of types, Russell devised and introduced the Axiom of Reducibility. This axiom states that every class is convertible into a type. It is a statement as a statement that corresponds to reality. This is not a definition of "true statement" and not "truth" in general. Of course, if one looks at it from a more traditional perspective, then it is clear that "white" and "my name is Piero" and "the Earth is not the center of the universe" are true statements. But there are also other statements that are not true. For example, "the language of mathematics is the most elegant and practical" (most languages have an infinite number of true statements) and "the sentence component to Tarski's theory is the identity with only the definition of truth". Tarski's theory of truth is the identity with the word "true", but that leads to paradoxes like "I am lying" which is both true and false. This is a well-known paradox in logic. The language of the language we are applying to is a statement in the language. Tarski's theory of truth is based on the idea that the truth of a statement in the object language can then be defined recursively from the truth of elementary statements or the "semantic functions". For all sentences in language to be true if and only if they are true in all models. If the formulas containing \wedge and \vee are primitive, Alfred Tarski's theory of truth does not work. This is because the truth of a formula containing \wedge and \vee depends on the truth of its components. Tarski's theory of truth is based on the idea that the language of mathematics is a language. The problem with Tarski's theory is that it is not clear whether it is true or false. A secondary problem is that the theory is not complete. A third problem is that the theory is not decidable. By this, it is meant that there is no effective method for determining whether arbitrary formulas are theorems of the logical system. For example, propositional logic is decidable, while the truth-table method can be used to determine whether an arbitrary propositional formula is logically valid.

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First-order logic is not decidable in general; in particular, the set of logical validities in any signature that includes equality and at least one other predicate with two or more arguments is not decidable.^[1] Logical systems extending first-order logic, such as second-order logic and type theory, are also undecidable.

4.1.4. Deductive excesses.

It has already been noted that many standard formulations of first-order logic include many axioms and rules which are not found in normal practice. This means that many of the deductions countenanced by standard systems do not correspond to normal deductions. For example, Kleene gives a 17-line deduction of $a = a$, a triviality to which normal practice would grant a single line, or two at most.

Apparently, normal practice admits of only two axiom schemes, the so-called laws of identity and excluded middle, and it is ironic that often both of these are absent from standard deductive systems.

Extended Hilbert Programs

- (a) Arithmetical Predicativism.
- (b) Theories of higher type functionals.
- (c) Takeuti's "Hilbert-Gentzen finitist standpoint".
- (d) Feferman's explicit mathematics.
- (e) Martin-Löf's intuitionistic type theory.
- (f) Constructive set theory (Myhill, Friedman, Beeson, Aczel).

of a rigorous (naturally primitive) rule of inference. It is already clear that in order to be taken as a rule of inference (relative to a given semantics) a rule must be sound and effective (Church, 1956). However, first, there are infinitely many rules which meet these two conditions but which would not be regarded as rigorous (see Corcoran, 1969) and, second, we seem to

In certain cases this process seems to go through without a hitch. For example, we could give formalization of the theory of the ordering of the stant is (analogue of 'less than') and write down axioms asserting 'no elements', transitivity, strict trichotomy and density.

However, when we try this method on Peano arithmetic we are blocked because we cannot state mathematical induction in a first-order language which have a single universe of discourse; yet many branches of mathematics are naturally formulated in a manner that presupposes two or more domains. For example, Hilbert's geometry has three domains: points and planes. Many-sorted logics, i.e., logics which admit of multiple domains, have been worked out, but all within the standard framework (non-empty universes, all terms denoting, etc.). However, even Hilbert's geometry presupposed a free many-sorted logic. It is not meaningful to say that a plane is on a point. However, there may be no serious difficulties in constructing a faithful many-sorted free logic once a faithful one-sorted free logic has been given.

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The following list summarizes our classification of gaps between mathematical practice (real and putative) and existing mathematically defined logics.

- I. Existence of underlying logics not yet modeled
- II. Inadequate models of underlying logics
 - Kinds of inadequacies: Excesses
 - Defects
- Locations of inadequacies: Grammar
 - Deductive System
 - Semantics
 - Postulate Systems

- III. Existence of phenomena not yet treated mathematically
- IV. Purely experimental Models

To see the next point it is necessary to notice that there are predicates which are true of some things, false of others and not applicable to still others. For example, the predicate 'prime' is true of two, false of four and not applicable to pi. This means that each predicate has a range of applicability within which it holds true or false and outside of which it does not hold at all. Thus a sentence can fail to be true without being false and it can fail to be false without being true. Yet the following is logically true in standard logic,

$\forall x(Px \vee \neg Px)$

This reflects the fact that standard semantics presupposes universal ranges of applicability for all predicates.

For example, here is a proof of the proposition $(A \Rightarrow B \Rightarrow C)$.

$\Rightarrow(A \wedge B \Rightarrow C)$.

Rules for Falsity

$\frac{[x : \neg P]}{P}$ (ex falso quodlibet, EFA)

$\frac{}{\neg P}$ (reductio ad absurdum, RAA/x)

$\frac{[x : A \Rightarrow B \Rightarrow C]}{B \Rightarrow C}$ (A)

$\frac{A \Rightarrow B \Rightarrow C}{A \Rightarrow B}$ (A)

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Reductio ad absurdum (RAA) is an interesting rule. It embodies proofs by contradiction. It says that if by assuming that P is false we can derive a contradiction, then P must be true. The assumption x is discharged in the application of this rule. This rule is present in classical logic but not in intuitionistic (constructive) logic. In intuitionistic logic, a proposition is not considered true simply because its negation is false.

Excluded Middle

Another classical tautology that is not intuitionistically valid is the law of the excluded middle, $P \vee \neg P$. We will take it as an axiom in our system. The Latin name for this rule is *tertium non datur*, but we will call it *magic*.

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Starting with the propositional calculus with n sentence symbols, form the Lindenbaum algebra (that is, the set of sentences in the propositional calculus modulo tautology). This construction yields a Boolean algebra. It is in fact free Boolean algebra on n generators. A truth assignment in propositional calculus is then a Boolean algebra homomorphism from this algebra to the two-element Boolean algebra.

What are the difficulties? One annoying problem arises in the semantics. Although the nature of the interpretations themselves is clear, the correct definition of truth is quite problematic. In effect, mathematical practice does not seem to indicate unambiguously how the logical constants are to be understood. For example, if P is true and Q is undefined do we take the disjunction to be true or to be undefined? One might think that the lemmatic by this problem seems to have received a special probability. It may very well be the case that mathematical practice is itself vague on some of these points so that more or less arbitrary connectives will have to be adopted – but one should always be reluctant to accept that kind of a conclusion.

A mathematician feels that he is saying something contentious when he asserts that aleph-null exists and yet

$\exists x(x = \frac{1}{0})$

However, it follows by standard logic from the following sentence which is logically true in standard logic.

$\forall y \exists x(x = \frac{1}{y})$

This points to two facts: first, that standard logic presupposes that each function is total and, second, that standard practice makes no such presupposition.

Use of partial functions in mathematics is fairly widespread. Boole, for example, defined 'union' in such a way that $x + y$ is meaningful only when x and y are disjoint and their relative complementation is defined only when the second argument is a subset of the first (Kneale and Kneale, 1964, p. 410).

Let $ML = \langle G, D, S \rangle$ be a mathematical logic with G for grammar, D for deductive system and S for semantics. The grammar G is often studied separately from D and S and purely grammatical theories are proved e.g., that every sentence is uniquely decomposable according to a certain mode of decomposition, that sententialhood in G is decidable and so on. When the deductive system D is studied apart from the semantics one gets purely proof-theoretic results – e.g., that every deduction is equivalent to a deduction which does not use a given rule of inference, that not all sentences are provable, and so on. When the semantics S is studied apart from the deductive system, one gets purely model-theoretic or semantic results – e.g., that every infinite interpretation is equivalent to a countable one, that certain sets of sentences are or are not satisfiable, that all interpretations satisfying a given set of sentences are isomorphic and so on. Results which relate the deductive system to the semantics have been called bridge results by some of the members of the Berkeley School (but this terminology has not caught on). Examples of bridge results are completeness and soundness theorems. A deductive system can only be com-

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which have been only inadequately modeled. Many mathematicians, Bourbaki for example, take the idea of an underlying logic very seriously and talk as if there were one logic underlying all branches of mathematics. We interpret such remarks to mean that the similarities among the underlying logics are so great that it is better to regard them as variants of one logic. It is interesting to note that Bourbaki regarded Aristotle's theory as adequate. Of course, Bourbaki did not actually read Aristotle's theory as his own work. Had he done that, he would have seen several gaps between the model and the logic. In the first place there are grammatical

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